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**COLLECTION 900: F. Ross Kinsler Theological Education by
Extension Collection, 1964-2013**

Administrative Information

Title:

F. Ross Kinsler Theological Education by Extension Collection, 1964-2013

Collection Identifier:

CFT00900

Creators:

Kinsler, Ross
Kinsler, Gloria

Size:

11 Boxes

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The gift of Ross and Gloria Kinsler

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Biography

Ross and Gloria Kinsler are best known for their work in the Theological Education by Extension movement, which began in Guatemala and rapidly spread through Latin America in the 1950s-1960s. Ross grew up in Seattle, WA and Gloria grew up in North and South Korea. They met at Princeton Seminary. Following graduate study in Edinburgh, Scotland, the couple was assigned by the Presbyterian Church USA to Mission work in Central America. The couple began with Spanish language study in Costa Rica, then theological education in Guatemala and later in Costa Rica. During that time, Ross and Gloria were exposed to the social upheaval and oppression being experienced in countries such as Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras.

In Ross Kinsler's words: "Our vision of the world and of the Gospel was shaped by the witness of the oppressed peoples we came to know and love. Hundreds of thousands of Central American men, women, and children have been tortured and massacred, especially among the indigenous Maya of Guatemala.

We understand that our faith calls us to a Theology of Liberation and a Liberation of Theology. This is an essential reading of Central America and much of our world even today. This has become our calling in memory of so many whose lives have been sacrificed."

During that time, the Kinslers found themselves contributing to the creation of the Theological Education by Extension movement. Their work included classes with peasant farmers in the highlands of Guatemala; workshops among theological educators and students in Bolivia, Argentina and Venezuela; conversations with indigenous pastors in Peru, Ecuador, and Panama; intensive courses on the biblical Jubilee in Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico; and consultations on the renewal of theological education and ministry around the world.

As of 2018, the Kinslers live in Southern California. They have lived and worked together in Scotland, Guatemala (1964-1977), Geneva (1977-1983), New Jersey, and California (1983-1987 and 2000-2018), and Costa Rica (1987-2000).

Dedication Note by Ross Kinsler:

"Under these notes lies an enormous debt of gratitude for those who have accompanied us throughout this journey, whom have shared their vision and their gifts, who continue to show us the way into God's justice, peace, and integrity of creation. Most important has been Gloria's partnership in all the above and especially her leadership in the Sanctuary Movement, bringing us the voices of victims of empire in the face of that empire. Likewise for years she has guided US church delegations through the maize of terror and obfuscation in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Nicaragua and in this country," F. Ross Kinsler.

Scope and Content

The F. Ross Kinsler Theological Education by Extension Collection, 1964-2013 consists of correspondence, educational pamphlets, seminar records, reports, memos, and ephemera related to the Theological Education by Extension movement. Records are directly related to the program and curricular development in areas such as Southern California, Guatemala, Geneva and Costa Rica. Archival materials are in English and Spanish languages.

Arrangement

The F. Ross Kinsler Theological Education by Extension Collection is arranged to follow the chronological lives of Ross and Gloria Kinsler.

Each section is organized according to the divisions provided by Ross and Gloria Kinsler. They also wrote introductions to their materials in the Ross Kinsler Collection Notebook, which is available via PDF.

Box Inventory

Box 1: Occasional Papers

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1	SEP Guatemala	1964-1977
2	PTE / WCC Geneva	1977-1983
3	SCEC / SFTS Southern California	1983-1987
4	SBL / UBL Costa Rica	1987-2000
5	Altadena CA	2000-2012
6	Seminar on Theological Education	Guatemala Center for Studies in Theological Education and Ministry. Occasional Paper No. 7. San Felipe, Reu., Guatemala, C. A.
7	Documentos Ocasionales en Espanol	1964-2012
8	Nuevos Caminos en la Education Teologica	

Box 2: Occasional Papers

Folder	Item	Note
1	Copies Papers R K	
2	Occasional Papers	
3	TEE Comes of Age	
4	Theological Education and Liberation Theology	
5	Bases for Change in Theological Education	
6	Archives Outline	
7	Inductive Bible Study	
8	TEE Service or Subversion	

Box 3: Guatemala (1964-1977)

Binder	Item	Note
1	Beginning TEE Movement	
2	Centro Guatemalteco para Educacion Teologica y Ministerio	
3	Alternative Theological Education	
4	Alternativas en la Educacion Teologica	
5	Workshops and Seminars on Theological Education	
6	Extension Seminary	1970-1974
7	Extension Seminary	1975-1979
8	ALISTE III	Espanol

Box 4: Geneva (1977-1983)

Binder	Item	Note
1	Workshops- Pittsburgh	1968-1969
2	Talleres Cata- Espanol	1969-1974
3	Ministry by the People	
4	PTE Staff Memos No. 1-54 Geneva	Sept. 1977- July 1980
5	Ministerial Formation 1-10 PTE / WCC	Jan. 1978- Apr. 1980
6	Ministerial Formation 11-20 PTE / WCC	July 1980- October 1982
7	Min. Form 1-10	Duplicate

Box 5: Southern California (1983-1987)

Binder	Item	Note
1	Opting for Change	
2	Vision and Reports	1983- 1987
3	Memos 1-34	1983-1984
4	Memos 38-78	1984- 1985
5	Memos 79-131	1985-1986
6	Memos 132- 185	1986- 1987
7	Reviews	
8	Fuller Theological Seminary, Business Ethics	

Box 6: Costa Rica (1987-2000)

Binder	Item	Note
1	Letters from Costa Rica	1987-1991
2	Memos 1-62 English	1987-1994
3	Memos Espanol	1988-1989
4	Memos Espanol	1990-1991
5	Memos and Circulars Espanol	1992-1994
6	Memos Espanol	1995-1999
7	Memos Espanol	1999-2000
8	Anthony Ricciuti Jubilee in Acts	Thesis

Box 7: Altadena, Southern California / Jubilee (2000-2012)

Binder	Item	Note
1	Jubilee Today's World	
2	Jubilee Biblical Faith	
3	Jubilee Responsible Discipleship	
4	Jubilee Workbook	2001-2004
5	Biblical Jubilee and Struggle for Life Spanish (early version)	
6	Biblical Jubilee and Struggle for Life (early version)	

7	Christian Faith and Society	1995-1999
8	Jubileo Etica Cristiana	

Box 8: Altadena, Southern California / Jubilee (2000-2012): English Files

Box 9: Altadena, Southern California / Jubilee (2000-2012): Spanish Files

Box 10: Case Studies: Latin America Case Studies

Box 11: Theological Education by Extension Africa